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SUBJECT: EC CONCERN OVER EASTERN EUROPEAN TRADE PACTS WITH  
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DURING FUTURE US NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT, EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS WANT THE US TO RAISE SEVERAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT THE COMMUNITY FEELS COULD HURT US TRADE AND UNDERMINE GATT.

THE COMMISSION IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEW CZECH-FINNISH FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND CONTINUING SOVIET PRESSURES ON FINLAND FOR TRADE CONCESSIONS. IF GATT SHOULD APPROVE THE CZECH-FINNISH AGREEMENT, THE COMMISSION IS WORRIED THAT THE CZECHS--AND PRESUMABLY OTHER EAST EUROPEANS--WILL BE COMING TO THE EC TO SUGGEST

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SIMILAR FREE TRADE AREA ARRANGEMENTS. FROM THE EC'S POINT OF VIEW, FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH CENTRALLY PLANNED, STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES ARE "NONSENSE."

ALTHOUGH NOT WANTING TO ACCEPT SUCH AN AGREEMENT AS CONSISTENT WITH GATT, THE EC IS RELUCTANT TO CAUSE TROUBLES FOR FINLAND WHICH THE COMMISSION RECOGNIZES IS UNDER SOVIET POLITICAL PRESSURE. THE EC IS THEREFORE REQUESTING THE US TO BROACH THE ISSUE TO THE SOVIETS. E-2 IMPDET.H

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